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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR 1998

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The Secretariat is circulating herewith a list of meetings of intergovernmental and expert bodies in the economic, social and related fields to be held in 1998.

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MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN 1998

Dates	Venue	Title
5-23 January	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, seventeenth session[1]
12-14 January	New York	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II
12-16 January	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional Working Group[1]
12-16 January	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 1997 session
12 and 23 January	New York	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, nineteenth session
13-22 January	New York	Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names
14 January	New York	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, seventeenth meeting[1]
19-23 January	New York	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session
19-23 January	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, meeting on issues related to the Committee's work
19-30 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
19 January-6 February	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, eighteenth session[1]
22 January	New York	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau
26 January	New York	Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF

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26-30 January	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, first regular session
26-30 January	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group[1]
January (1 day)	Geneva	Commission on Science and Technology, organizational session
2-13 February	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts
3-6 February	New York	Economic and Social Council, organizational session
4-6 February	Rome	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session
10-13 February	New York	Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, nineteenth session
10-20 February	New York	Commission for Social Development, thirty-sixth session
11-13 February	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues[2]
16-20 February	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended working group established to elaborate policy guidelines on the effects of structural adjustment programmes on the full enjoyment of human rights
16-20 February	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Migrants and Human Rights, second session
17 February	New York	States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, tenth meeting[1]

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23-24 February	New York	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-eighth session[2]
23-27 February	New York	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-first session
23 February-4 March	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended working group on a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organizations of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and freedoms
23 February-6 March	New York	Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups
25-27 February	Geneva	Meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies, extraordinary session[2]
February (1 day)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-first session[2]
February (1 week)	Warsaw	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - Inter-sessional open-ended intergovernmental group of experts for the purpose of elaborating a preliminary draft of a possible comprehensive international convention against organized transnational crime
February (1 week)	A capital in the region	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East
February/March (2 days)	New York	Committee for the United Nations Population Award[2]
2-4 March	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development[2]
2-13 March	New York	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-second session

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2-13 March	New York	Commission on the Status of Women - in-session open-ended working group on the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
2-20 March	Geneva	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-second session[1]
9-13 March	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations
10-19 March	New York	Committee on Natural Resources, fourth session
11-13 March	Vienna	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-first session
16-18 March	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, fourth session[2]
16-20 March	New York	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications[2]
16-20 March	Vienna	Second Meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly on the question of narcotic drugs
16 March-24 April	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-fourth session
23 March-3 April	New York	Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, third session
23 March-9 April	New York	Human Rights Committee, sixty-second session[2]
25-27 March	Geneva	Advisory Group of the United Nations Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People[2]
30 March-3 April	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations[2]

Dates	Venue	Title
March (2-3 days)	Geneva	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-sixth session, first part[2]
1-3 April	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues[2]
16-22 April	Bangkok	ESCAP, fifty-fourth session
18 April	New York	Economic and Social Council, high-level special meeting
20 April-1 May	New York	Commission on Sustainable Development, sixth session
20-22 April	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development[2]
20-23 April	Geneva	ECE, fifty-third session
20-24 April	New York	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session
20-24 April	Abuja	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region
21-30 April	Vienna	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, seventh session
27 April-1 May	Santo Domingo	INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, eighteenth session[2]
27 April-15 May	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, eighteenth session
4-6 May	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities[2]
4-8 May	New York	Committee for Development Planning, thirty-second session
4-12 May	New York	Fourteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance
4-15 May	Geneva	Committee against Torture, twentieth session[4]

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7-8 May	New York	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session
11-15 May	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-first session
11-16 May	Aruba	ECLAC, twenty-seventh session
11-22 May	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, seventeenth session[2]
12-15 May	Rome	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session
13-15 May	New York	Economic and Social Council - session on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits
18-21 May	Rome	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session
18-22 May	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional Working Group
18-29 May	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 1998 session, first part
18-29 May	Vienna	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-fourth session
18 May-5 June	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, eighteenth session[3]
19-22 May	New York	Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, organizational session
26-29 May	New York	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-fourth session

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26 May-19 June	New York	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-eighth session, first part
27-29 May	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues[1]
May (1 day)	New York	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session
May (1 day)	New York	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session
May/June (8 days)	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
1-5 June	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session
3-5 June	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities[2]
8-10 June	New York	General Assembly, special session on the question of narcotic drugs
8-12 June	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional Working Group
8-19 June	Geneva	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session
15-19 June	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional Working Group[1]
22-26 June	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 1998 session, second part
22-26 June	Geneva	UNCTAD - Preparatory meeting for the high-level mid-term review, first part[2]

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22 June-10 July	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, nineteenth session[1]
29 June-1 July	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development[2]
29 June-1 July	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, ninth session
29 June-10 July	Geneva	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, fifteenth session
June (1 day)	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
6-10 July	Geneva	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications[1]
6-31 July	New York	Economic and Social Council, substantive session
8-10 July	Geneva	UNCTAD - Preparatory Meeting for the High-Level Mid-term Review, second part[2]
13-15 July	Geneva	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities[2]
13-31 July	Geneva	Human Rights Committee, sixty-third session[1]
20-31 July	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications
27-31 July	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations

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3-21 August	Geneva	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-third session[1]
3-28 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, fiftieth session
17-21 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-fifth session
17-28 August	New York	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-eighth session, second part
24 August- 4 September	Geneva	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, second session
2-4 September	Geneva	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-second session, first part[2]
8-11 September	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session
10 September	New York	Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights[1]
14-15 September	New York	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session
14-18 September	Geneva	UNCTAD - Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, third session[2]
14-18 September	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-second session
14-18 September	Vienna	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, European Region
21-25 September	Geneva	UNCTAD - Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, third session[2]

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21 September-9 October	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, nineteenth session[1]
September (1 week)	Geneva	Meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies[2]
September (2-3 days)	Geneva	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-sixth session, second part[2]
5-16 October	Geneva	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-fifth session (High-level review meeting)[2]
12-16 October	Geneva	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications[1]
12-16 October	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group
19 October-6 November	Geneva	Human Rights Committee, sixty-fourth session[1]
20-23 October	Rome	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session
2-19 November	Vienna	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-fifth session
9-20 November	Geneva	Committee against Torture, twenty-first session[1]
11-20 November	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-sixth session
16 November-4 December	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, nineteenth session
23-27 November	Geneva	UNCTAD - Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, third session[2]
25 November-4 December	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-third session
30 November-2 December	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, tenth session
November (1 day)	New York	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

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November (1 week)	Bangkok	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region
7-11 December	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional Working Group
7-16 December	Geneva	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twentieth session
14-15 December	Geneva	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-second session, second part[2]
December	Tokyo	UNU Council, forty-fifth session
To be determined	New York	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-ninth session[2]
To be determined	New York	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I
To be determined	New York	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III
To be determined	New York	Special Committee to Select the Winners of the United Nations Human Rights Prize[2]
As required	Geneva	UNCTAD - Executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board (3 days)[2]

Notes

[1] Treaty body reporting to the General Assembly.

[2] Subsidiary body of the Assembly.